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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 02-89**  
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Roy Johnson  
Town of Bennington  
7 School Street Unit 101  
Bennington, NH 03442

Subject: Bennington - Public Water System: Bennington Water Department (EPA #0211010)

Dear Mr. Johnson

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Bennington Water Department water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**July 2002 and August 2002**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

1. **By September 9, 2002**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
2. **By September 23, 2002**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report including recommendations and an implementation schedule to correct the water system deficiencies.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

The copy of the consultant's written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Alan Leach  
Department of Environmental Services  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
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Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854, or by e-mail at [aleach@des.state.nh.us](mailto:aleach@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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